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SUBJECT: 30TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY - ASSESSMENT OF VIET NAM

1. COMMITTEE B AGENDA ITEM 3.4.3 ON THIS SUBJECT MAY ARISE AS EARLY AS MAY 5. IN THIS CONNECTION, WHO DOCUMENT A30/20 OF MAY 2 SETS FORTH TWO MATTERS WHICH ASSEMBLY WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER: A) VIET NAM'S ASSESSMENT FOR PERIOD JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1976; AND B) VIET NAM'S ASSESSMENT FOR 1977 AND 1978.

2. A30/20 REPORTS THAT HANOI, IN RECENTLY PAYING SOUTH VIET NAM'S CONTRIBUTION FOR 1975, INFORMED WHO THAT ITS EARLIER PAYMENT OF \$27,390 FOR 1976, WHICH HAD BEEN HELD TO REPRESENT HANOI'S ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION FOR ALL OF 1976, WAS IN FACT CONTRIBUTION OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIET NAM FOR SIX MONTHS OF 1976, BEFORE THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE UNIFIED. SECRETARIAT REPORTS THAT HANOI NOW PROPOSES THAT ITS ASSESSMENT BE FIXED AT MINIMUM ANNUAL RATE OF .02 PERCENT AS FROM JULY 2, 1976. (HOWEVER, IN LETTER FROM HANOI TO WHO OF MARCH 15, WHICH IS ALSO REPRODUCED IN A30/20, VIET NAM VICE MINISTER OF HEALTH CITES A UNGA RESOLUTION OF LAST DECEMBER ESTABLISHING MINIMUM SCALE OF CONTRIBUTION OF .01 PERCENT FOR "COUNTRIES HAVING UNCLASSIFIED

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MANY DIFFICULTIES." HE ASKS THAT SRVN BE ALLOWED TO PAY "ACCORDING TO A MINIMUM SCALE" FROM JULY 2, 1976.

3. A30/20 ALSO REPORTS THAT WHO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE UN COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS PROPOSES TO RECOMMEND TO UNGA THAT IT ESTABLISH FOLLOWING RATES OF ASSESSMENT FOR SRVN: A) FOR 1976, "FROM 1 JULY 1976 ONWARDS," ONE-HALF

OF .02 PERCENT; AND B) FOR 1977 AND 1978, .03 PERCENT.
IT POINTS OUT THAT ASSEMBLY WILL HAVE TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONAL
ASSESSMENT RATE FOR SRVN FOR 1977 AND 1978 IN LIGHT OF UN
COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS RECOMMENDATION TO UNGA AND OF
PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM SRVN. IT ADDS THAT SINCE NORTH AND
SOUTH VIETNAM WERE EACH ASSESSED AT RATE OF .02 PERCENT
FOR 1977, ANY ADJUSTMENT OF SRVN ASSESSMENT FOR 1977 WILL
HAVE TO BE FINANCED FROM AVAILABLE CASUAL INCOME.
MOREOVER, PROPOSED SCALE OF ASSESSMENT FOR 1978 FOR SRVN
AS CONTAINED IN A30/22 (TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER AGENDA
ITEM 3.4.5), WHICH IS LISTED AS .04 PERCENT, WILL ALSO HAVE
TO BE AMENDED IN LIGHT OF ASSEMBLY DECISION.

4. GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) US POSITION IF SRVN ASKS IN COMMITTEE B THAT
ITS ASSESSMENT FOR SECOND HALF OF 1976 BE REDUCED TO
ONE-HALF OF .01 INSTEAD OF ONE-HALF OF .02.

B) US POSITION IF SRVN ASKS THAT ITS ASSESSMENT RATE
FOR 1977 AND 1978 BE SET AT .01 PERCENT OR EVEN .02 PERCENT
INSTEAD OF .03 PERCENT. SORENSON

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